

S. 1898. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building".

S. 2032. An act to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Speaker pro tempore signed the following enrolled bill on Thursday, May 8, 1998:

H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE HON. JOHN BALDACCI, MEMBER OF CON- GRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Judith A. Cadorette, office manager for the Hon. JOHN BALDACCI, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 19, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Wash-
ington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER. This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena duces tecum issued by the United States District Court for the district of Maine in the case of Desrosiers v Runyon, No. 97-CV-391-P-C.

I will make the determinations required by Rule 50 in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

Sincerely,

JUDITH A. CADORETTE,
Office Manager for John Baldacci.

ON CHINA

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, just when we think we have heard it all, yesterday China asked the United States for this, and get this, permanent most-favored-nation trading status. It seems that the Chinese feel that our annual congressional reviews are an obstacle, a roadblock to improved relations between the United States and China. Did my colleagues catch that? It is Congress' fault that our countries are not closer.

Mr. Speaker, several obstacles to better U.S. China relations come to mind, but none of them are the fault of the United States Congress. It was 9 years ago this week that China cracked down on pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square; 250 people are still jailed as a result of that protest. China has been implicated in a scheme to funnel money to the DNC. This administration placed business issues over U.S. national security by approving the

transfer of highly classified missile technology to the Chinese. Now the CIA says that China has at least 13 nuclear-tipped missiles pointed at the United States.

Most-favored-nation status? My foot.

SERBIAN PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, when Serbian President Milosevic promised to work with Albanian leaders in Kosovo, the White House lifted sanctions on Serbia. Milosevic then proceeded to slaughter thousands of ethnic Albanians, many of them helpless women and children.

Milosevic is a liar, Milosevic is a brutal killer, and ethnic cleansing has reared its ugly head once again. Milosevic must be challenged. The United States should reimpose strict sanctions on Serbia, and it is time for Europe to stop coddling this bum. I believe Milosevic must be made to understand that Albanian children are God's children, too.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2604, RELI- GIOUS LIBERTY AND CHARITABLE DONATION PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor and strong supporter of H.R. 2604, the Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act. This legislation, which will be on the floor later today, will provide churches and charities with equal protection under this Nation's bankruptcy laws.

Under current law, local churches and charities could be forced to return a contribution if the donor filed for bankruptcy. Imagine what would happen to the financial structure of one's church if a major donation made 11 months earlier and already spent was forced to be returned. Churches run on tight budgets and retroactively forcing them to return gifts is wrong. This practice might even be okay if we applied the same standard to restaurants, hotels or casinos, but we do not. Churches and charities are singled out.

Mr. Speaker, right now our bankruptcy code places casinos above churches. This is wrong, and I look forward to passage of H.R. 2604 later today.

SUDAN

(Mr. HALL of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have just returned from a visit to Su-

dan's killing fields. As we all know, a civil war in that country has raged for 15 years and slavery is alive and well in this last dark corner of our world. But the situation is more desperate today than it has ever been.

During my 4-day visit to the famine-stricken areas, I saw vultures pick clean the bones of people and their cows. They are slaughtering people and livestock alike, seizing human beings as slaves.

One picture all the way over there, these are terrible, awful pictures, but we have a lot of pictures like that, that were just slaughtered and vultures just picking their bones.

I also saw hundreds of survivors at aid stations. Many had lost their families along the way, and many will not survive. This little boy is one of them.

I have not seen anything like what I saw in Sudan last week since I first saw Ethiopia's great famine in 1984, not in Rwanda, not in Somalia, not in North Korea, not anywhere. Today, 700,000 people like this are facing starvation in Sudan. If help does not arrive in the coming weeks, the planting will not be done and the crisis will continue into next year.

This House, this country, indeed this world must do more to help these people. They are innocent. They are absolutely destitute, and they are being starved and slaughtered.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, some of the most important laws we pass in this body are those that strengthen America's families. For that reason it is imperative that the House move immediately to curtail activity which undermines a relationship so vital to the future of this country: the parent-child relationship.

The Child Custody Protection Act, legislation which makes it a Federal offense to transport a minor across State lines for an abortion in order to circumvent that State's parental involvement laws, does just that. This act supports laws already in place in 22 States, States that reinforce the authority of parents, requiring parental or judicial notification before a young girl seeks an abortion.

Mr. Speaker, while the pregnancy of a young girl is an extremely difficult situation, these young women are exactly those who parental consent State laws are in place to protect.

Those who wish to undermine parental authority are aiding in the breakdown of the family. This cannot be allowed to continue. Congress has a responsibility to support laws that strengthen, not weaken families.

CALIFORNIA ELECTION RESULTS

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the